

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A support device adapted to support structures, the support device comprising:
a support structure having a top surface and a bottom surface, the bottom surface for resting on a surface, wherein the support structure comprises a pliable support structure;
a substantially rigid plate structure, the plate structure disposed on the top surface and coupled with the support structure; and
at least one elongate strut disposed on the plate structure, where the elongate strut is coupled to the plate structure.
2. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 1, the support structure having a recess therein, and a portion of the substantially rigid plate structure is disposed within the recess.
3. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 1, wherein the support structure is formed of foam.
4. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 1, wherein the substantially rigid plate structure is formed of plastic.
5. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 1, wherein the substantially rigid plate structure is formed of metal.
- 6 (Currently Amended) A support device adapted to support structures, the support device comprising:
a support structure, the support structure having a top surface, a bottom surface, and side surfaces, the bottom surface for resting on a surface, wherein the support structure comprises a pliable support structure;
a plate structure, at least a portion of the plate structure disposed ~~[[on]]~~ over the top surface and coupled with the support structure; and

at least one elongate coupling member associated with the plate, ~~where the elongate coupling member is coupled to the plate.~~

7. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the plate structure is a substantially rigid plate structure.
8. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the plate structure is formed of plastic.
9. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the plate structure is formed of metal.
10. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the plate structure is formed of HDPE.
11. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, further comprising a fastener that fastens the plate structure with the support structure.
12. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, further comprising an elongate strut formed by surfaces of the plate structure.
13. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the plate structure covers a portion of the top surface and at least a portion of the side surfaces of the support structure.
14. (Original) A support device adapted to support structures, the support device comprising:
 - a support structure, the support structure having a top surface and a bottom surface, the bottom surface for resting on a surface, wherein the support structure comprises a pliable support structure;
 - a plate structure, at least a portion of the plate structure disposed on the top surface and coupled with the support structure; and

the plate structure including at least one elongate strut.

15. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 14, wherein the elongate strut is formed by surfaces of the planar plate.

16. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 15, wherein the support structure is formed of foam.

17. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 15, wherein the plate structure is formed of plastic.

18. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 15, wherein the plate structure is formed of metal.

19. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 15, further comprising a fastener at least partially disposed between the support plate and the support structure.

20. (Original) The support device as recited in claim 19, wherein the fastener includes adhesive.

21. (Previously Presented) The support device as recited in claim 14, further comprising means for elevating the elongate strut.

22. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 14, further comprising means for adjusting elevation of the elongate structure.

23. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 14, further comprising one or more elevational assemblies coupled with the support device.

24. (Withdrawn) The support device as recited in claim 23, wherein the elevation assemblies include elevating members hingedly coupled with a portion of the elevational assembly.
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Canceled)
28. (Canceled)
29. (New) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the support structure is formed of foam.
30. (New) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the plate structure is disposed on the top surface of the support structure.
31. (New) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the support structure has a recess therein.
32. (New) The support device as recited in claim 31, wherein a portion of the plate structure is disposed within the recess.
33. (New) The support device as recited in claim 6, wherein the elongate coupling member is coupled to the plate structure.
34. (New) The support device as recited in claim 6, further comprising a fastener at least partially disposed between the support plate and the support structure.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.173(b), only the non-compliant section of Applicant's previously-submitted Amendment and Response has been included in this response.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner withdraw the non-compliant status and examine the response as appropriate.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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